



# Leader Guide

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### The Outline:

#### 3 Theological Examples

- The Cross is God's Plan
- The Apostles are Vital
- The Resurrection is Central

#### 3 Practical Examples

- They Prayed (with devotion)
- They let the Scriptures lead
- They Trusted (God's Sovereignty)

### RELATE:

-Is there a situation in your life that you can now look back on and say something like, "Oh... now I see what God was up to!"?

### REFLECT:

-What's most troubling about the idea that the cross (and even the betrayal) are God's plan? What's most encouraging about this?

-Read Genesis 50:20. Paraphrase this in your own words. How does this connect to the idea of the cross being God's plan?

-Why were the apostles so important to the early church?

-Explain why the Apostles are to be witnesses to the 'resurrection'. How does this connect with Christ's incarnation, life, teachings, and substitutionary death?

-Do you think that its important to understand the resurrection as a historical event? Why or why not?

-What would be affected in the Christian theology, life and experience if the resurrection was not historically true (hint: check out I Corinthians 15:12-19)



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-Were there any historical hints to the resurrection that were mentioned in the sermon that were especially helpful or reassuring to you?

-Which of the practical examples from the early believers' lives most reflects how God is working in your life (They prayer with devotion; They let the Scriptures lead; They trusted in God's sovereignty)?

-How would you define 'devoting yourself'? What would change in your life if you set out to pray with devotion?

-Read 2 Timothy 3:16. Which 'use' of the Scriptures do you need most in your life right now?

-What role does the word of God play in your life today? Has it ever played a larger or smaller role? What caused the change? What were/are the effects of the change?

-If someone close to you told you that they were 'casting lots' to make a life decision... how would you respond?

-What one of the six points of the message has God most challenged you with?

### RESPOND:

-Praise and thank God for the crowning achievement of His plan: the Death and resurrection of Christ on our behalf

-Pray that God would deepen our trust in His plans for our lives

-Ask that God would grow each of us in devoted prayer, and trust in His word